WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “HOPE OF THE WORLD” LSB 690

 sts. 1–2, 5

1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;
 Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
 Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2 Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
 Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
Still let Thy Spirit unto us be given
 To heal earth’s wounds and end our bitter strife.

5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,
 Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
 Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Everlasting Father*,* source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

EPISTLE James 5:1–20

 1Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

 7Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

 12But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

 13Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

 19My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38–50

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

 38John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” 39But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in My name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me. 40For the one who is not against us is for us. 41For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

 42“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ 49For everyone will be salted with fire. 50Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

 **maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

 **who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

 **born of the virgin Mary,**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

 **was crucified, died and was buried.**

 **He descended into hell.**

 **The third day He rose again from the dead.**

 **He ascended into heaven**

 **and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

 **From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

 **the holy Christian Church,**

 **the communion of saints,**

 **the forgiveness of sins,**

 **the resurrection of the body,**

 **and the life** T **everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

 “LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE” LSB 848

 sts. 1, 3–4

1 Lord, whose love through humble service
 Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
 Offered mercy’s perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
 Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
 Ev’ry gift that You impart.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
 Till Your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
 Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
 Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
 Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
 Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
 Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
 Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
 May Your mercy know and live.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**

 **hallowed be Thy name,**

 **Thy kingdom come,**

 **Thy will be done on earth**

 **as it is in heaven;**

 **give us this day our daily bread;**

 **and forgive us our trespasses**

 **as we forgive those**

 **who trespass against us;**

 **and lead us not into temptation,**

 **but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom**

 **and the power and the glory**

 **forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “O WORSHIP THE KING” LSB 804

1 O worship the King,
 all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing
 His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
 the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
 and girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might,
 O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
 whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
 the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
 on the wings of the storm.

3 This earth, with its store
 of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow’r
 hath founded of old,
Established it fast
 by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
 like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care
 what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
 it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
 it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills
 in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust
 and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
 nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
 how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
 redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
 ineffable Love,
While angels delight
 to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
 though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
 shall sing to Thy praise.

 “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING” LSB 700

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
 Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

 “GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING” LSB 922

 sts. 1–4

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
 Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
 You are My own.
 In My love’s baptismal river
 I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
 You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
 What I can cure.
 Here you heard My dear Son’s story;
 Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
 Joyful and free.
 Here My Spirit’s power filled you;
 Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
 And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
 And give you peace:
 I the Lord will be your Father,
 Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
 And give you peace.

DISMISSAL

P Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!

C **Thanks be to God!**